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1. The Soviet-Korean Oil Company in Wonsan was operated by Soviet occupation authorities in Korea from August 1945 until October 1947 when the firm became jointly managed by both the Soviet and Korean governments. The company was organized as follows:

President: Brasov*

Vice-president: KIM Sung-son (金永损), Communist Party member.

Manager: Soviet (name unknown).

Assistant manager: CHUNG Ok-yon (鄭億年), Communist Party member.

Planning Department: Litvinov, chief.

Statistics Section, Planning Section, Control Section, Technical Section.

Production Department: Korean (name unknown) chief.

Production Section, Supply Section, Records Section.

Supply Department: CHUN Sang-yun (金相允), chief.

Supply Section, Repair Section, Dispatching Section, Sales and Purchasing Section.

Management Department: Bolakov, chief.

Accounting Section, Auditing Section, Estimates Section, Warehouse Section.

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Labor Department: Korean (name unknown) chief

Personnel Section, Adjustment Section, Wages Section

Staff Department: Korean (name unknown) chief.

Personnel Section, Administration Section, Documents Section.

2. Besides this organization there was a fire brigade of from 60 to 70 firemen, a guard section of 50 men, a secretary, and a typing pool. Other Soviet personnel were Gorenov, the chief engineer, Tolmanov, a mechanical engineer and one girl typist. As of September 1950, there were 80 Korean office employees and 970 Korean manual laborers employed in the Wonsan offices of the Soviet-Korean Oil Company.
3. Every month approximately 20,000 tons of petroleum were shipped to Wonsan from North Sakhalin by way of Vladivostok. The company produced gasoline, kerosene and various types of oils. In May 1949, about 30,000 tons of petroleum were imported from the Soviet Union by four tankers, one of which was the Norwegian ship OSERO (?).
4. The last shipment of petroleum from the Soviet Union was made in April 1950 by three Soviet tankers. The monthly supply was brought by three to four tankers, which would load the processed oil. In this manner 80 percent of the output of the factory went back to the Soviet Union, while the remaining 20 percent was distributed to 112 government controlled North Korean factories.

* Comment. These names are conjectures derived from Korean pronunciations.

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